

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:220

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PROMOTION OF BIO FERTILIZERS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to encourage the production of bio/organic fertilizers in the country for promoting organic farming and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the total production of bio/organic fertilizers along with its demand and supply in the country during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the total area of land brought under bio/organic fertilizers in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to create bio-villages in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the initiatives taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 220 DUE FOR REPLY ON 22ND JULY, 2014.

(a) & (b): Government is promoting production of bio/organic fertilizers in the country through various programmes under National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA), Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) and Network Project on Organic Farming under ICAR.

Under Soil Health Management (SHM) component of NMSA, financial assistance upto 50% of cost subject to a limit of Rs.5,000/- per hectare and Rs.10,000/- per beneficiary is provided for promotion of organic inputs including bio/organic fertilizers. Also, financial assistance upto 33% of financial outlay, subject to a maximum ceiling of Rs.63.00 lakhs for establishment of agro / vegetable waste compost production units, and 25% of financial outlay subject to a maximum ceiling of Rs.40.00 lakhs for biofertiliser production units, is provided as back-ended subsidy through NABARD. Assistance has been provided for 56 biofertiliser production units and 17 agro/ vegetable waste compost production units under the scheme. Details of production of biofertilizers and organic fertilizers in the country are given at Annexure I & II.

(c): The State wise total area of land brought under organic fertilizers in the country is given at Annexure III.

(d) & (e): Under Soil Health Management component of NMSA, financial assistance of Rs. 10.0 Lakh per village (Maximum 10 village/annum/State) is provided for organic village adoption.